

Asian Advisory Council Meeting

DATE: Monday, January 24, 2005

TIME: 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: County Complex, 2001 South State Street, Rm N 4010

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Hao Zhu – Chinese Community
Kheng Ty -Cambodian Community
Nadeem Ahmed – Pakistani Community
Needra Nanayakkara -Sri Lankan Community
Murari Pradhan – Nepalese Community
Maung Maung -Burmese Community
Suri Suddhiphayak – Thai Community
John Vang – Hmong Community
Inthy Kosanovong – Lao Community
CC Patel – Asian Indian Community
Mila Baldazo – Filipino Community
Edith Mitko -Director, Office of Asian Affairs
Sanobi Johnson -Office of Asian Affairs
Darrell Kirby - DCED

EXCUSED

Karie Minaga-Miya – Japanese Community
Hannah Phan – Vietnamese Community

ABSENT

Young Kim – Korean Community

I. WELCOME

Edith Mitko welcomed everyone and conducted the meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes

No minutes to approve

III. Introductions

IV. Director's Report

- On January 5, 2005 all the Ethnic Directors were asked for their letter of resignation effective January 6, 2005. The resignation letters for the Directors of the Black, Hispanic and Pacific Islander Affairs Offices were accepted, except for The Director of Asian Affairs.
- The new Director of the Division of Community and Culture is Yvette Diaz.
- The Office of Asian Affairs is taking the lead on putting together the 1st Pacific Islander Gang Conference, which will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2005 at the Salt Lake Hilton Center.
- Edie sent out an invitation to the Sundance Film Festival reception. Starting next year, everyone will be invited to the reception on the first Sunday of the festival.
- MESA will be celebrating their 20th anniversary in August or September. If anyone knows of any former MESA students please give the names to Edie, so they can be honored at this event.
- Weber State University needs engineers to judge science projects.
- The Asian Chamber of Commerce will be having an opening reception on Friday, February 11, 2005 at the Salt Lake Chamber 175 E 400 S, from 4-6 PM.
- Ghulam Hasnain produces the Muslim newsletter and wants to get information out about the smaller Asian communities. If anyone is interested in advertising in this newsletter please forward any names to Edie.
- There are three major activities that need planning. A Lunar New Year dinner with the inmates at the prisons in March, the Leadership Summit in March, the GIFT Banquet in October.

- A suggested letter was handed out to the council to write a letter of support to your legislator supporting adult education. If they don't get refunded there will be no adult education or ESL.
- The University of Utah will have their Asian high school conference this Thursday for 9-12th grade students.
- Maung will chair the Lunar New Year inmate dinner at the prisons.
- The Asian Leadership Summit is tentatively scheduled for March 26, 2005.

V. Elections

- Elections were conducted for Chair and Vice-Chair. Mila Baldazo was nominated as Chair and Maung Maung was nominated as Vice-Chair.
- Edie would like the Chair and Vice-Chair to meet before each monthly AAC meeting. The Chair and Vice-Chair will meet quarterly with the other Ethnic Offices' Chair and Vice-Chair.

VI. Chair's & Committee Reports

Education

- Cultural awareness for teachers needs to be completed.

Criminal Justice

- The next Legal Seminar will be on Government Assistance and Public Benefits, March 2, 2005, Sorensen Multicultural Center, 6:30 PM.

Health

- Would like to coordinate healthy lifestyle activities.
- Health Issues summary report was distributed.

VII. Community Reports

Asian Indian

- \$15,000 was raised for the tsunami relief efforts and sent to the Aid India Foundation.

Japanese

- Nijon Matsuri will be on April 29th or 30th.
- Japanese cultural

Filipino

- Dr. Noli and Mila Baldazo served as members of the discussion panel during the Utah Society for Environmental Education Conference held October 23, 2004 at the University of Utah.
- The Filipino "Hot Dog" concert was successful. The Immigration Seminar presented by Attorney Kelly O'Reilly was well attended. Both events were held on November 13, 2004 at Taylorsville High School Auditorium.
- The Filipino Businesses of Utah are sponsoring a Thanksgiving Dinner Dance on November 19 at the Jordanelle Reception Center in West Jordan, \$10 per person.
- December 4, 2004 – Three Filipino Children's Christmas Parties
 - FAANU – Hill Air Force Base, 5:00 – 9:00 pm
 - PAUFU – Dragon Buffet, West Jordan, 7:0-9:00 pm
 - PABAU – West Jordan, 6:00 – 9:00 pm
- December 5, 2004 – Filipino Alliance Christmas get-together and meeting, 3:00-5:00 pm. Cardinal Mortgage building, 1787 W 7000 S, West Jordan. Host: PAUFU.
- December 17, 2004 – Filipino Music Masters 7:30 pm, Jordanelle Reception Center, \$5 per person.
- December 25, 2004 – MISANG BAYAN Christmas Mass, 1:30 pm, Our Lady of Lourdes. Potluck after mass.
- December 31, 2004 – PAAU New Year's Eve Ball, prime hotel, Grand Ballroom, \$30 per person.

Burmese – No report

Cambodian – No report

Chinese

- December 4, 2004 – CAST Annual Meeting, Golden Phoenix, 11:00 am. Key note speaker is Pei Te Lien, subject is Asian Americans and US politics.
- West Valley City has a sister city in Taiwan called Nan-Tou City. December 12, 2004, a delegation

will be visiting for five days. They are bringing artists and will have an exhibit at the WVC Multicultural Center. The art exhibit will be on display for six months.

Hmong

- The Hmong New Year celebration will be held on November 20, 2004, 11:00 am – 11:00 pm, 1389 North Main Street (Building VFW), Layton.

Korean

- There will be an annual dinner and election for the next Korean President.
- Korean seniors are provided services from the Korean community.

Lao – No Report

Nepalese – No Report

Pakistani – No Report

Sri Lankan

- November, Thanksgiving Dinner.

Thai

- The Thai Buddhist temple has lost one building used by the monks and are in danger of losing the second building due to required building improvements. The total cost of these building code requirements is estimated to be about \$100,000. The small congregation doesn't have the finances for this project and are in need of volunteers and donations to work on this project.

Vietnamese

- The Vietnamese Community Service Center, 3695 S Redwood Road. Provides a variety of services that help the Asian communities.